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Toad Hall/Sandy Hill  
near Worton  
1960's

Toad Hall on Sandy Hill Farm is composed of three late 18th century frame houses originally located in the second, third and sixth election districts. These were moved to the site in the 1960's when Toad Hall was first assembled. The individual parts of Toad Hall are highly representative of vernacular building forms which would have been encountered in the late 1700's in Kent County. Each of the structures is three bays long and each was originally the principal part of the farm house from which it came.

The eastern most section is 1 1/2 stories tall and came from a farm on the southeast side of Worton. The central 2 1/2 story section came from Gresham College on the Bay near Tolchester. And the final section with gambrel roof, originated from a farm on Duck Puddle Road (K-188).

The latter two parts have been encased in a shell of old bricks taken from other old buildings in Kent and Queen Annes Counties. Each of the original two room structures has been altered to meet the needs of the owner, using fragments of old woodwork from several more old dwellings.

From an architectural standpoint, the building must be viewed from the perspective of a 1960's project that incidentally incorporated several old buildings and not as an historic structure in and of itself.

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TOAD HALL  
Still Pond, Maryland  
(circa 1975)

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

SANDY HILL

AND/OR COMMON

Toad Hall (preferred)

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South side Still Pond Creek Road,  
overlooking head of Creek

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Raimond

Telephone #: 301-778-1834

STREET & NUMBER

Still Pond Creek Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Still Pond

XX VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21667

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: WHG 63

Folio #: 290

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust, Survey of Kent County

DATE

1970

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR

SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust, The Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>see bel</u>

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Toad Hall is located on a point of land overlooking the head of Still Pond Creek. It is a building composed of parts of 14 old houses which have been moved to a farm called Sandy Hill and re-erected. The building faces north with a view of the water.

The house consists of 4 parts, a 2½ story, 3 bay gable roofed house, a three-bay gambrel section, a 1½ story kitchen, and a one-bay, gable roofed entry/utility room. They are arranged ~~end~~ to end, like the telescope houses built on the Eastern Shore in the 18th and early 19th centuries. The old buildings are all frame but two are veneered with brick removed from another old house and old sidewalk bricks discarded in the 1960's by Chestertown.

The gambrel-roofed section has Flemish bond brick work and a low ~~cove~~ water table. There are 3 shed dormers with 6 over 6 sash in each slope and a brick chimney in the west ~~and~~ wall. Entry doors are located in the east bays, and first floor windows have 9 over 6 sash. This building was originally located on Duck Puddle Road near Galena (K-188.) It included paneling from a house in Queen Anne's County and from the Dr. Joyce House (K-206) on Still Pond Neck.

The center portion of the house is the Page-Gale house which was moved from a site near Tolchester Beach. This structure has 3 irregularly spaced bays with 6 over 6 sash windows on the second floor and 9 over 6 sash windows on the first. ~~There~~ are gable dormers with 6 over 6 sash in both roof slopes and brick chimneys with corbelled caps in the gables. The brick veneer is laid in Flemish bond with the same detailing--cove water table and flat arches--as the gambrel section.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES see above

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Moved & reassembled by Vincent Raimond

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although this house contains parts of several early buildings, its design is an example of the inventiveness of a single individual rather than a representation of early Kent County architecture. The intent of the builder and current owner was to preserve fragments of historic houses which would other wise have been lost rather than to make an accurate restoration of any particular building.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext. 67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

The kitchen of the house is located in a 1½ story frame structure moved from the Elgin Farm (K-206) near Worton. It has 2 gable dormers in the roof, beaded siding, 6 over 6 sash windows, and a brick chimney. On the inside, the structural frame is exposed and the floor joints as well as the flooring are beaded.

Interior trim, chairrails, mantles, doors, paneling, and flooring were removed from houses and represent architectural detailing of the Upper Shore from about 1760 to 1860. They have been reassembled rather than restored and rooms were not designed to recreate one architectural period.

The building site included ponds which were pickling tanks from a factory and a smoke house from the old Barroll Mansion formerly located at Byford Heights in Chestertown.



1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Kent</u> TOWN <u>Stillpond</u> VICINITY STREET NO.  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <u>3, separate dwellings</u> PRESENT OWNER <u>Vincent + Raimond</u> PRESENT USE <u>"being restored"</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame w/ brick facing</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>1 1/2 + 2 1/2 + 1 1/2</u>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>K-132</u>	
		2. NAME <u>Sandy Hill</u>  DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <div style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u></div> <p>Sandy Hill consists of three re-located houses, all frame, and all having recently been veneered with old brick from other old houses. See K-206 and K-188</p> <p>K-206 is a one-and one-half story structure with all exposed and beaded construction. It is connected to a two and one-half story, three bay long (two dormers) frame structure which was built near Tolchester, also in Kent County. The last portion (K-188) is a gambrel roof frame building which was located near Galena. It is still in the process of being prepared for a home. It's site is a high bank, overlooks the head waters of Stillpond Creek.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <u>NO</u> Interior Exterior			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)			
7. PHOTOGRAPH		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <u>Michael Bourne</u>  DATE OF RECORD <u>May, 1970</u>	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.			

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

Sandy Hill - K-132

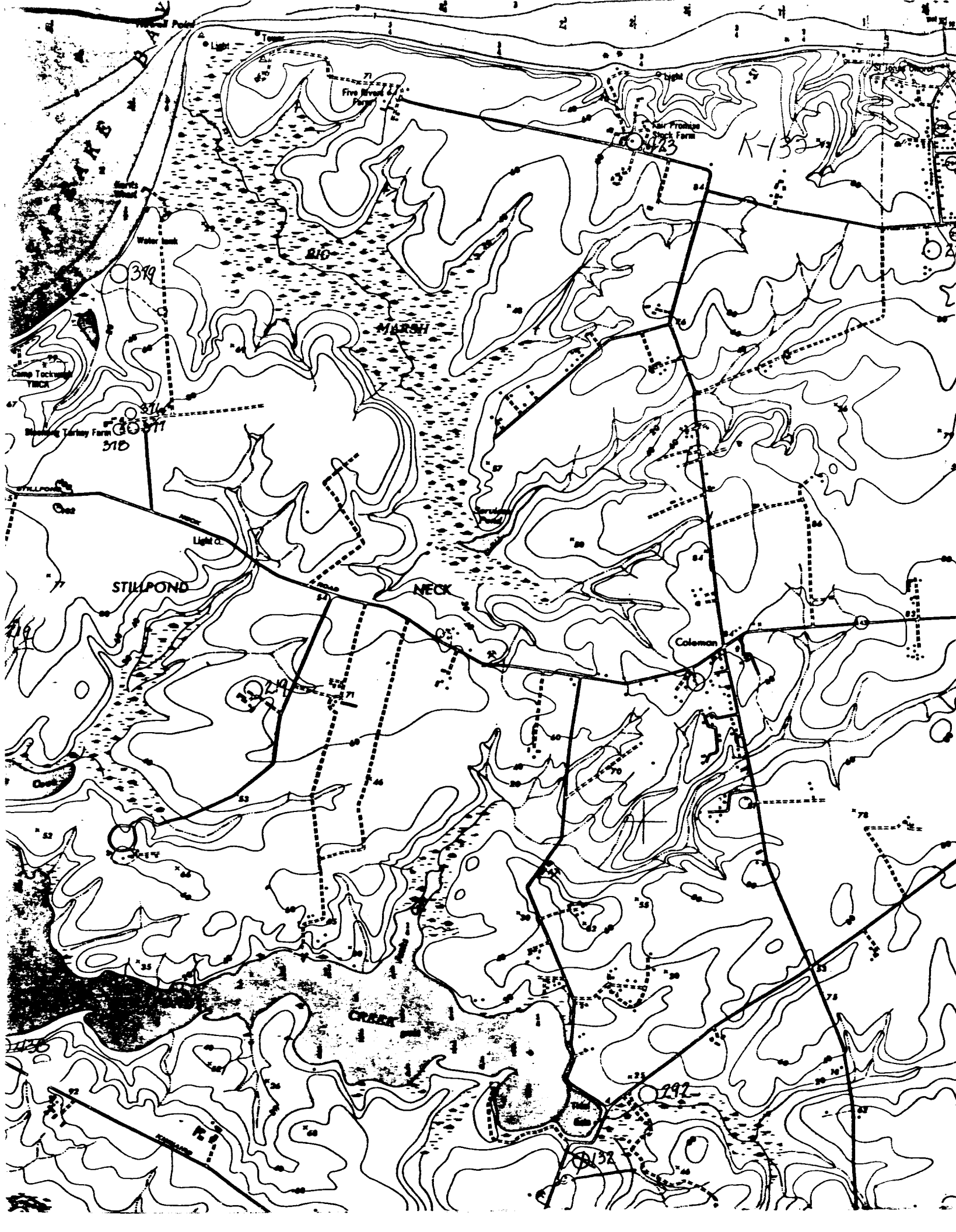
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See - K-206 and K-188

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~~K-188~~

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Toad Hall

M.L. Fritz

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